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Subject: Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft risk profile for pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (PFOA, perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

The eleventh meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention was held from 19 to 23 October 2015 in Rome. The report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.11/10) is available on the Convention's website: www.pops.int/poprc11.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 3 of Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee applied the screening criteria specified in Annex D to the Convention. By decision POPRC-11/4, the Committee decided that the screening criteria have been fulfilled for pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (CAS No: 335-67-1, PFOA, perfluorooctanoic acid) and agreed that the Committee should proceed with the development of a risk profile. The Committee further decided that issues related to the inclusion of PFOA-related compounds that potentially degrade to PFOA and the inclusion of PFOA salts should be dealt with in developing the draft risk profile.

In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee invited parties and observers to submit information specified in Annex E to the Convention and an intersessional working group prepared the attached draft risk profile for pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (PFOA, perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.

You are invited to review the attached draft risk profile and to submit your comments to the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee no later than **8 April 2016**.

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: poprc@brsmeas.org and kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org.

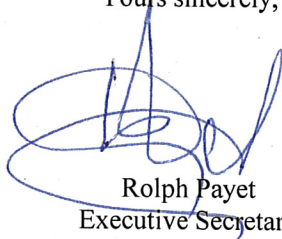
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If you have any questions regarding this invitation or would like to receive hard copies of documents, please contact Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall (Email: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org; Tel.: +41 22 917 8201).

Yours sincerely,



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